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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor	: Zine-Eddine Boutaghou et al.	
Appln. No.	: 09/553,220	
Filed	: April 20, 2000	Group Art Unit: 2652
Title	: BENDING MICROACTUATOR HAVING A TWO-PIECE SUSPENSION DESIGN	Examiner: A. Castro
Docket No.	: I69.12-0433	

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL  
OF THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**Fee Status**

No fee is required.

**Petition**

Applicant petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a).

**Reasons**

1. Applicant received a non-final Office Action from Examiner Angel A. Castro of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 4, 2002. The Office Action was mailed February 27, 2002. A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire 3 months from the mailing of the Office Action, May 27, 2002. Subject to extensions of time available under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) a timely response could be filed by 6 months from the mailing date of the Office Action, August 27, 2002.

2. The attorney of record for the applicant, David R. Fairbairn of Kinney & Lange, P.A., with assistance of Attorney Gayle A. Bush of Kinney & Lange, P.A., prepared a Response to the Office Action prior to the May 27, 2002 deadline. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the Response.

3. The Response was submitted and filed with the PTO by "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10. The date of deposit with the USPS was May 16, 2002, as indicated by the "date stamp" and shown by the "date-in" on the "Express Mail" mailing label.

4. Deposited with the USPS was the Response, a cover letter dated May 16, 2002 and a postcard. Attached as Exhibit C is the cover letter to the USPTO.

5. It is standard practice for attorneys of Kinney & Lange, P.A. to enclose a postcard with all submissions to the PTO. The postcard identifies U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/553,220 filed April 20, 2000 for the PTO to acknowledge receipt of a Response in that matter. The postcard is prestamped and preaddressed to be returned to Kinney & Lange, P.A. by the PTO upon receipt.

6. The postcard was returned to Kinney & Lange, P.A. with a stamp indicating receipt by OIPE of the PTO on May 16, 2002. Attached as Exhibit D is a copy of the postcard with the stamp of receipt the OIPE of May 16, 2002.

7. The attached exhibits indicate that the Applicant timely filed a Response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2002 and that the Response was received by the PTO. The PTO acknowledged receipt of the Response as indicated by the postcard.

Applicant requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and that prosecution of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/553,220 be resumed.

Respectfully submitted,

KINNEY & LANGE, P.A.

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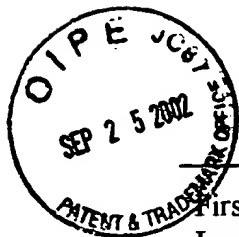
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The following papers are being transmitted via **EXPRESS MAIL** to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below:

1. Petition for Withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment
2. Exhibit A- Copy of Response
3. Exhibit B- Copy of Express Mail mailing label
4. Exhibit C- Copy of cover letter to PTO
5. Exhibit D- Copy of postcard
6. Postcard
7. Express Mail Cover Sheet

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